II.—In an Uncontested Election.

	In a Constituency in a Parliamentary County.	In a Constituency in a Parliamentary Borough.
For all necessary preliminary work	Actual and necessary cost within the above scale, not exceeding, under B. I. 5 for clerical and other assistance, one-fourth of the fees which would be payable for a contested election.	

The Regulations made by the Ministry of Finance on 26th April, 1929, under Section 29 of the Representation of the People Act, 1918, (7 & 8 Geo. V., c. 64), in its application to Northern Ireland, prescribing scale of charges applicable to elections of Members of the House of Commons of Northern Ireland are hereby revoked.*

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland, this 23rd day of February, 1931, in the presence of

(L.S.) *G. C. Duggan,*
Assistant Secretary.

*S. R. & O., N. I., 1929, No. 40.

PENSION.

Increase of Pensions.

MINISTRY OF FINANCE REGULATIONS UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE PENSIONS (INCREASE) ACT, 1920 (10 & 11 GEO. 5, C. 36), RELATING TO PENSIONERS TO WHOM SECTION 1 OF THAT ACT AS AMENDED BY THE EDUCATION ACT (N.I.), 1923, AND THE PENSIONS (INCREASE) ACT (N.I.), 1926, APPLIES.

1931. No. 20.

1. The Treasury Regulations of the 30th August and 23rd December, 1920,(*a*) and 12th November, 1921,(*b*) are hereby repealed in their application to Northern Ireland, and the

(*a*) Imperial S. R. & O. 1920, Nos. 1725 and 2383.
(*b*) Imperial S. R. & O. 1921, No. 1814.

following shall, without prejudice to anything already done, be substituted therefor.

2. The pensioners to whom these Regulations apply are pensioners who on the sixteenth day of August one thousand nine hundred and twenty were in receipt of pensions granted—

Under the National School Teachers (Ireland) Act, 1879, and the Rules made thereunder ;

Out of the Petty Sessions Clerks Fund ;

and in whose case the following statutory conditions are fulfilled :—

The pensioner must have attained the age of sixty years or have retired on account of physical or mental infirmity, or, in the case of a pensioner who is a widow and is in receipt of a pension payable in respect of the services of her deceased husband, must have attained the age of forty years ;

The pensioner must satisfy the Pension Authority that his means, including his pension, are less than £150 a year, if unmarried, or £200 a year, if married.

For the purpose of the statutory conditions, a widower or widow with one or more children under sixteen years of age dependent on him or her will be treated as married, and a widower or widow having no such children will be treated as unmarried.

3. An application for an increase of pension under the Pensions (Increase) Acts (N.I.), 1920 and 1926, shall be made to the Ministry through whom the original pension is payable (hereinafter referred to as the Pension Authority).

4. An application by a pensioner who fulfils the statutory conditions shall be made not more than three months before, or as soon as may be after, the statutory conditions are fulfilled.

5. Every application must be accompanied by a Declaration in the form set out in the Schedule hereto.

6. The statements as to the amounts in the Declaration shall be made with reference to the twelve months ended the 31st March last preceding the date of the Declaration, provided that if the applicant shows to the satisfaction of the Pension Authority that there has been such a change of circumstances that his means in the ensuing year will be materially reduced, the Pension Authority may take such change into consideration.

7. Where in pursuance of an application made after the date on which these Regulations come into operation an increase of pension is granted, the increase shall continue in force until the expiration of a period of twenty-four months from the date as from which the increase is payable, unless in the meantime the pensioner dies or ceases to fulfil the statutory conditions.

8. An application for the continuance and reassessment of an increase of pension, accompanied by a like Declaration, shall be sent to the Pension Authority immediately on the expiration of the first and every subsequent period of twenty-four months.

9. The pensioner shall notify the Pension Authority immediately on the occurrence of any of the following events, quoting the number of his Pension Form :—

(*a*) The marriage or re-marriage of the pensioner ;
(*b*) the death of the wife or husband of the pensioner ;
(*c*) the death or the attainment of the age of sixteen years of any dependent child under sixteen years of age of a widower or widow ;
(*d*) the increase of the means of an unmarried pensioner either through earnings or otherwise to a rate in excess of £150 a year, including the addition allowed under the Pensions (Increase) Acts ;
(*e*) the increase of the means of a married pensioner, either through earnings or otherwise (including the means of both husband and wife), to a rate in excess of £200 a year, including the addition allowed under the Pensions (Increase) Acts ;
(*f*) the obtaining by the pensioner, or by the wife or husband of the pensioner, of fresh paid employment of a regular character. The name and address of the employer shall be notified to the Pension Authority.

10. The means of a pensioner shall for the purposes of the Pensions (Increase) Acts include—

(*a*) the pension in respect of which the increase is claimed ;
(*b*) any other pension, grant, allowance or annuity (including Old Age Pension) received by the pensioner ;
(*c*) the annual value of any land or house property ;
(*d*) interest or dividends on stocks or shares or on mortgages or other securities or on Bank deposits ;
(*e*) profits or wages of any trade, business (including farming or husbandry), profession, office, employment or vocation, including overtime pay and bonus (if any) ; and
(*f*) the annual value of any other income or of any receipts from other sources, including free maintenance received (if any).

11. For the purpose of determining the means of a pensioner :—

(i) The annual value of any land or house property situate in Great Britain or Ireland shall be taken to be not less than the annual value as assessed for the purposes of Income Tax under Schedule A, after deduction of—

(*a*) any sum by which the assessment is reduced for the purposes of collection in respect of the cost of repairs ; and
(*b*) any further sum on which Income Tax could be reclaimed by the owner under the provisions of the Income Tax Acts on the ground that

the cost to him, on the average of the five preceding years, of the maintenance, repairs, insurance and management of the property has exceeded the amount of the reduction under the preceding clause (*a*).

(ii) The Pension Authority may, if it considers it necessary require the pensioner to produce a certificate from the Inspector of Taxes in support of his claim to a deduction under paragraph (i) (*b*) of this Regulation, and also certificates as to the assessment for Income Tax purposes under Schedule A of any property owned by him, or under Schedule B of any land occupied by him.

(iii) From the means of the pensioner (including the pensioner's wife or husband), other than a naval or military pension or a pension to which the Pensions (Increase) Acts apply, a deduction may be made in respect of the amount of interest, ground rent, or other charges on the property or income of the pensioner. The pensioner shall produce such documentary evidence as may be required by the Pension Authority in support of any claim for such deduction.

A premium on a Policy of Insurance shall not be allowed as a deduction, except in so far as provided by paragraph (i) of this Regulation.

12. If the pensioner (including the wife or husband of the pensioner) has since the 16th day of August, 1920, transferred to some other person or persons real or leasehold property, a share in a business, stocks or shares, or a sum of money exceeding £100, and it appears to the Pension Authority that such transfer has not been made for valuable consideration in money or money's worth, the Pension Authority may call on the transferor to supply a full account of the transaction ; and if it appears that the transferor has reserved to himself some undisclosed benefit as part consideration for the transfer and that possession and enjoyment of the property has not been *bona fide* assumed and retained by the transferee to the entire exclusion of all benefit to the transferor, whether by contract or otherwise, the annual value of such benefit may be deemed to form part of the means of the transferor.

13. The pensioner shall, as and when required by the Pension Authority, produce any birth, death or marriage certificate or such other documentary evidence relative to the fulfilment of the statutory conditions as the Authority may consider necessary.

14. Where the Pension Authority is satisfied by an order of Court or by the certificate of a justice of the peace or minister of religion, and of a duly qualified medical practitioner, that a pensioner is of unsound mind or otherwise incapable of making a

Declaration in the prescribed form, it may accept a Declaration made on behalf of the pensioner by any person who appears to the Authority a proper person to represent the pensioner.

15. Any question which may arise in connection with the fulfilment by the pensioner of the statutory conditions, or any of them, shall be determined by the Ministry of Finance, whose decision shall be final.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance this Ninth day of March, 1931, in the presence of

(L.S.) *G. C. Duggan,*
Assistant Secretary.

THE SCHEDULE.

DECLARATION BY A PENSIONER CLAIMING AN INCREASE OF PENSION UNDER THE PENSIONS (INCREASE) ACTS (N.I.), 1920 AND 1926.

Any Person who knowingly makes a False Statement or False Representation for the purpose of obtaining or continuing an Increase of Pension, or for the purpose of obtaining or continuing such Increase at a Higher Rate than that appropriate to the Case, either for Himself or Herself or for any other Person, is liable on Summary Conviction to Imprisonment for a Term not exceeding Six Months, and, in the Case of a Pensioner, to Forfeit any Pension or Increase of Pension Payable to Him or Her.

1. (*a*) State whether you are married or unmarried, or a widower or widow .. ..

   (*b*) If a widower or widow, state whether you have a child† or children under sixteen years of age at the present time, dependent on you; and if so, give date of birth of youngest child .. ..

2. State your age at the present date giving date of birth .. ..

† Child includes a step-child, or a child adopted under statute, but not a grandchild.

DECLARATION A.*

I hereby declare that during the year ended 31st March, 193....., I had† (apart from an old age pension) no means except my pension ‡*and that my* $\frac{wife}{husband}$ *had also no means*† (*apart from an old age pension*) and that to the best of my knowledge, information and belief the above statements are true.

*If you are in a position to sign Declaration A strike out Declaration B.

†If there is no old age pension strike out the words in brackets.

DECLARATION B.§

I hereby declare that during the year ended 31st March, 193....., my means ‡*including the means of my* $\frac{wife}{husband}$ were as follows :—

§If you are making Declaration B strike out Declaration A.

‡If you are unmarried strike out the words in italics. If you are married strike out wife or husband.

NOTES.—(1) The word "none" should be written in any of the spaces under the heading of which the claimant and his or her wife or husband has no income.

(2) The replies to the marginal notes, and other particulars, may be given, if necessary on a separate sheet.

Gross figures before deduction of Income Tax to be given.

£ s. d.

(1) Amount of original pension in respect of which the claim is made excluding any increase under Education Act (Northern Ireland), 1923, and the Pensions (Increase) Acts (Northern Ireland), 1920 and 1926 .. ..

(2) Amount of other pensions excluding any increase under Education Act (Northern Ireland) 1923, and the Pensions (Increase) Acts (Northern Ireland), 1920 and 1926, but including Old Age Pension (if any) grants, allowances or annuities ..

(3) Net annual value of house property or land .. ..

(4) Interest or dividends on Stocks, Shares, Mortgages or other Securities or Bank Deposits(*a*) .. .. ..

(5) Profits or wages of any trade, business (including farming or husbandry), profession, office, employment or vocation, including overtime pay and bonus (if any), board, lodging, fuel or other benefits(*b*) .. ..

(6) Income or receipts from other sources either in money or in kind, including free maintenance received (if any) .. ..

TOTAL .. ..

(*a*) State full particulars.

(*b*) State nature and particulars and where carried on.

CHARGES ON INCOME.(*c*)

(*c*) State full particulars of charge, rate of interest, on what property charged, to whom payable, &c.

	Gross Figures before deduction of Income Tax. £ s. d.
Ground Rent	
Interest on mortgage, loan debts, bank overdrafts	
Other annual charge, if any	
NOTE.—No deduction to be made on account of insurance premiums or Rates and Taxes or Land Purchase Annuity	

TOTAL CHARGES, £ £

TOTAL LESS CHARGES £

Signature of Claimant.....

Pension No.....

Residence,.....

†Occupation, ...

†Employer's name and address,.....

†Strike out if inapplicable.

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This form should be completed during the month of April, 193....., and returned.